

**California Department of Mental Health  
MHSA State Interagency Partners' Meeting Highlights  
Wednesday, June 29, 2011  
Host: Department of Mental Health**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Michael Roosevelt, Karen Moen, Francine Byrne	Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
--	Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS)
Betsy Sheldon	California Community Colleges (CCC)
Barbara Reese, Ed Long, Lin Benjamin	California Department of Aging (CDA)
Monica Nepomuceno, Barbara Pomerantz, David Kopperud	California Department of Education (CDE)
Craig Osborn, Ted Puntillo	California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA)
Don Kingdon	California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA)
Ann Collentine	California Mental Health Services Authority (Cal MHSA)
Darc Keller, Susan Pangelinan	California National Guard (CNG)
Peggy Fish	California State Library (CSL)
Kevin Furey	Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP)
Renee Carnes, Jo Ellen Fletcher, Emily Woolford	Department of Developmental Services (DDS)
Paulin Chen, John Igwe	Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
Cheri Johnson, Cielo Avalos, Cynthia Burt, Erika Cristo, Inna Tysoe, Johnny Szeto, Jamilah Bridges, Ruben Robles, Sandra Black, Sean Tracy, Semyrra Hines, Silvia Rodriguez, Tara Hooper, Theresa Ly	Department of Mental Health (DMH)
Cheryl Adams	Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)
Caroline Caton, Cheryl Treadwell, Mary Sheppard	Department of Social Services (DSS)
Sarah Swaney Juanita Vaca	Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB)
Aaron Carruthers	Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSAOC)
Ann Arneill-Py	Mental Health Planning Council (MHPC)
Yolanda Avalos-Troyer, André Haynes, Manuela LaChica	Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD)
Judy Melson, Linda Onstad-Adkins	Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) - Education Foundation

**1. Welcome & Introductions:**

Silvia welcomed and thanked everyone for participating, and reviewed the Agenda and outcomes of the meeting. She stated that this would be the last meeting the DMH would facilitate, and that the meeting was intended to celebrate the work each agency has accomplished utilizing Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) resources. Agency representatives were introduced and asked to share their agency's initiatives for community mental health services.

**2. Community Mental Health July 1, 2011 and Beyond:**

Representatives from Community Mental Health agencies listed below provided overviews of their organizations. The links are to their home pages where information on the organizations is provided.

California Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission –  
Aaron Carruthers, Chief Deputy Executive Director  
<http://www.mhsoac.ca.gov>

Mental Health Planning Council – Ann Arneill-Py, PHD, Executive Officer  
[http://www.dmh.ca.gov/Mental\\_Health\\_Planning\\_Council/default.asp](http://www.dmh.ca.gov/Mental_Health_Planning_Council/default.asp)

California Mental Health Services Authority – Ann Collentine, Program Director  
<http://www.calmhsa.org/index.htm>

California Mental Health Directors Association – Don Kingdon, Deputy Director  
<http://www.cmhda.org/go/>

**3. Presentation and Overview from Each Department's Work with MHSA:**

All Interagency Partners were asked to provide hardcopy summaries of MHSA "Best of" Accomplishments for FY 2010-11. These "Best of" summaries are being compiled into a single document to post to the MHSA IA Partners Website.

Partners were also asked to discuss three key activities and accomplishments that were supported by MHSA resources. The Partner discussions are summarized in the table below. Time prohibited sharing by all Partners.

DSS, Cheryl Treadwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approved Wraparound implementation plans for 45 counties and funding for 4,314 children and families.</li><li>• Training and technical assistance for counties to implement and administer wrap services</li><li>• Increase in county participation by nearly 50%</li><li>• Collaboration and contracting with national parties to build a framework that supports program fidelity.</li></ul>
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OSHPD-Education Foundation, Julie Melson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Health Loan Assumption of \$5 million per year</li> <li>• Retained 1,066 mental health providers over three years and paid them \$9.2 million</li> <li>• 470 individual awardees in the last cycle</li> <li>• Doubled funding for grants in FY 2010-11 to \$5 million</li> </ul>
BBS, Inna Tysoe (DMH) for Partner Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added new mental health profession</li> <li>• Implemented MHSA curriculum for MFTs</li> <li>• Implemented supervision at a distance for LCSWs, MFTs and LEPs</li> <li>• Provided training and technical assistance to the federal government to enable California's LCSWs to utilize a federal loan repayment program</li> <li>• Ongoing technical assistance to the federal government to enable the State's MFTs to utilize the federal loan repayment program</li> </ul>
DHCS, Paulin Chen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Client and family contributions</li> <li>• Data Evaluation – Brown Bag Medical Toolkit</li> <li>• Wellness Recovery and Resilience White Paper</li> <li>• Pilot collaboration</li> <li>• Placer, Contra Costa, Orange, San Mateo, Shasta and Sacramento County programs in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Smoking</li> <li>○ High Blood pressure</li> <li>○ Severe Mental Illness</li> <li>○ Substance Use Disorder</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cal Optima – Quarterly data report shows counties their client usage needs</li> </ul>
OSHPD, André Haynes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment Tool with incentives to bring in new mental health professionals</li> <li>• Helped counties apply for designation as a Mental Health Professional Shortage Area (MHPSA), thereby enabling them to draw down federal funds for workforce. The number of MHPSAs doubled.</li> <li>• Assisted mental health sites with certification applications to draw down federal funds for service delivery</li> <li>• Hold workshops, webinars and teleconferences to provide technical assistance to counties and sites on how to put together applications</li> <li>• 227 site certifications have been approved by the federal government</li> </ul>

<p>AOC, Michael Roosevelt and Karen Moen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submitted a final report on mental health on April 29, 2011</li> <li>• Published policy briefs</li> <li>• Provided staff support for Cal Vets with mental illness</li> <li>• Ongoing referrals</li> <li>• Offered training programs for California judges, including mental health jargon guides</li> <li>• Helped to create Mental Health Courts in 26 counties (12 counties developed collaborative courts)</li> </ul>
<p>CDE, Monica Nepomuceno, Barbara Pomerantz and David Kopperud</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Created a guidebook for school districts that identifies mental health conditions seen in school</li> <li>• Chronic absence rate data published</li> <li>• Provide guidance to schools about response to chronic absence</li> <li>• Implemented training education through TETRIS professional development for educators, to help them identify early symptoms of mental health illness. Held a class in every region of the State</li> <li>• Communicated with CSU, Sacramento to add mental health course to teaching credential coursework</li> </ul>
<p>CCC, Betsy Sheldon</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helped obtain grants to fund positions</li> <li>• Helped to obtain external funding advisory committees in tax year</li> <li>• Created website</li> <li>• Sole source CMHSA grant</li> <li>• Surveys</li> <li>• Pilot project</li> <li>• Webinar interactive screening</li> </ul>
<p>OSHPD, Yolanda Avalos-Troyer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CA workforce Physical Assistant mental health program</li> <li>• Added a mental health track to the Song-Brown Residency Program for Physician Assistants. Awarded 11 of 12 applications for this program</li> <li>• Students performed 12,268 hours of rotation, to learn how to administer psychotropic medications</li> <li>• The number of PAs in the public mental health system was significantly increased, especially in rural counties</li> </ul>

#### **4. Miscellaneous Business Items, July 1, 2011 and Beyond**

##### DMH Summary of Recent Changes

- AB 100 reduced the responsibilities of DMH
- FY 2011-12 funds will be reduced
- DMH MHSA positions are reduced from 100+ to 19
- DMH Medi-Cal responsibilities will be transferred to DHCS
- The first meeting between DMH and DHCS regarding stakeholders and Realignment efforts will be on July 12, 2011
- DMH will be eliminated in July 2012
- DMH will transition into the State Department of Hospitals
- DMH resources are limited

##### Questions or Concerns

- Is there a way that the four Community Mental Health agencies (MHOAC, MHPC, Cal MHSA and CMHDA) can communicate to local agencies? Partners would like to see consistency of messages and clarification of expectations.
- How can the four Community Mental Health agencies coordinate to keep the infrastructure going for the agencies that rely/relied on MHSA funds?
- How can a voice for older adults continue when positions are being cut?
- Will the DMH MHSA IA Partner Website continue to be functional during the transitions?

##### Decisions

- Progress Reports for January 1 - June 30, 2011 are due from all IA Partners by August 1, 2011.
- The DMH MHSA IA Partner Website will remain active through FY 2011-12.
- Continuing IA Partners with expiring MOUs should work with their DMH liaisons to renew the MOUs.
- CMHDA, MHOAC, MHPC, Cal MHSA and DMH will meet to discuss a transition plan for State agencies with MHSA activities.

#### **5. Meeting Adjourned**

Participants were invited to have cake and punch in celebration of successful partnerships.